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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) is in the beginning stages of revising its Resource Management Plan (RMP). The UFO received nominations for potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) from the public and BLM staff during the scoping period for the RMP, which ended March 29, 2010.

An ACEC is an area of BLM-administered public land where special management attention is needed to protect its relevant and important values from irreparable damage. The UFO has evaluated all nominated and existing ACECs and has completed a draft report, which shows that nineteen areas meet the relevance and importance criteria. Any area that meets the criteria is identified as a potential ACEC, and must be considered for designation during the development of RMP alternatives.

We are not requesting additional nominations at this time. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to review the *Draft Evaluation of Proposed and Existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern*, as well as to provide the BLM with information regarding the significance and values of the proposed areas. In addition, individuals and organizations that nominated areas should consider whether the boundaries shown in the report are as you envisioned.

The draft report is available on the Uncompahgre RMP planning web page at: [www.uformp.com](http://www.uformp.com). Please provide written comments regarding the report by **August 20, 2010**. You may submit comments via email to [uformp@blm.gov](mailto:uformp@blm.gov), or mail to: BLM UFO, Attention: RMP Revision, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401.

The BLM thanks you for your interest and welcomes your review of our draft report on ACECs, as well your comments. Please contact our office at (970) 240-5300 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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